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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives supporting Earth Hour 2008, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McDERMOTT (for himself, Ms. LEE, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. INSLEE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

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Whereas on the evening of March 31, 2007, the first Earth Hour was organized by the World Wildlife Fund-Australia and practiced in Sydney as residents and businesses turned off their lights for one hour to promote awareness of global warming and to encourage energy conservation;

Whereas over 2,200,000 residents and 2,100 businesses in Sydney participated in the inaugural Earth Hour;

Whereas the first Earth Hour in Sydney led to an estimated 10.2 percent reduction in energy use across the city;

Whereas there is a scientific consensus that human activity has been a prime cause of the buildup of greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, in the atmosphere;

Whereas energy conservation is the most cost-effective method of addressing climate change as every kilowatt saved is one that doesn't have to be produced;

Whereas approximately 40 percent of United States carbon emissions come from generating electricity from our Nation's power plants, according to the Department of Energy;

Whereas on March 29, 2008, Earth Hour became a global event, with millions of people in at least 24 cities around the world participating;

Whereas Earth Hour has been supported by more than 370 additional cities around the world; and

Whereas many United States cities, including Atlanta, Chicago, Phoenix, San Francisco, Baltimore, Charlotte, Dallas, Denver, Honolulu, Houston, Kansas City, Miami, Minneapolis, New York, Portland, Seattle, St. Louis, Tampa, and Washington, DC, have lent their support to Earth Hour in 2008: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) the efforts of the organizers and partici-
4 pants of Earth Hour 2008 deserve our congratula-
5 tions and support for helping to raise awareness
6 about the importance of pursuing energy conserva-
7 tion and efficiency;

1 (2) the United States should continue to take
2 an active participatory and supportive role in each
3 subsequent Earth Hour; and

4 (3) the President should issue a proclamation
5 calling on the American people to observe Earth
6 Hour, and should actively promote awareness of
7 Earth Hour in 2009 and in future years in order to
8 raise awareness and encourage behaviors and strate-
9 gies that result in the efficient use of energy.

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